

BBC1 dumps Top of Flops

■ by NIGEL PAULEY
TOP Of The Pops is being axed from BBC1 after 40 years because of plunging ratings.

Britain's longest-running music show is being relegated to Sunday nights on BBC2 from the spring.

Beeb chiefs have decided to dump the programme just 12 months after a £1million relaunch.

That failed to revive its flagging fortunes - in fact it lost a further million viewers.

Tumble

The new-look show will combine elements of existing spin-off show Top Of The Pops 2 and will also be tied in to Radio 1's Chart Show.

BBC2 controller Roly Keating said: "We want to make it bigger and better so it becomes the ultimate pop show for music lovers of every generation."

When the show was given a revamp in November 2003, it attracted 5.5 million viewers at first. But ratings soon tumbled to just under 3m - compared with 20m in TOTP's heyday in the Seventies.

Eric's got right stuff

A TAXIDERMIST who knocked the stuffing out of a burglar was hailed a hero by a judge yesterday.

Eric Morton was awarded £500 from public funds after the court heard how he felled reader Terence Clegg with a branch during a chase in Burnopfield, Co Durham.

Judge Hewitt jailed drug addict Clegg, 47, for three-and-a-half years at Newcastle Crown Court after he admitted burglary and other offences.

GIPSY SITE NEAR ROO AND FERGIE



Brian's fair cop

■ SINGER Brian McFadden felt the long arm of the law at a signing session to launch his debut solo album, *Irish Son*.

■ The 24-year-old former Westlife star's police minder made sure she didn't miss out as he posed for snaps with fans at an HMV store in Belfast.

Picture: FABRIZIO BELLUSCHI / MATRIX



RED ALERT: The caravan site. Inset, Rooney

A GROUP of travellers are setting up camp near the plush homes of soccer ace Wayne Rooney and his boss Sir Alex Ferguson.

Twenty-eight caravans are expected to roll up in the millionaires' row.

Furious residents fear the new neighbours will knock thousands of pounds off the value of their luxury homes at posh Wilmslow, Cheshire.

The travellers will move in just half a mile from the Manchester United heroes' houses after a local farmer agreed to sell them a four-acre site for £1million.

The field also overlooks Everton striker Kevin Campbell's sprawling pad.

And among the other celebrity residents are veteran Coronation Street actor William Roache, 72, and 74-year-old Stuart Hall, the radio sports pundit and former presenter of TV's *It's A Knockout*.

Terrified

One worried local said: "I am terrified. This is one of the nicest places to live in the country but this would destroy the value of our homes."

Another added: "No one wants them here on our doorsteps."

"I'm not sure what Sir Alex or Rooney think about it but I'm sure they won't be too pleased."

England hero Rooney, 19, is renting a £3,000-a-month



NEIGHBOUR: Sir Alex

ellers upsets the famous residents.

Mr Scott, who owns 1,000 acres of land on 15 farms across Cheshire and lives 10 miles from the site, said: "Look at the plight of the British farmer."

Shame

"If it means selling a little bit of the family silver to survive, then so be it. The people buying the land want to move in overnight when it is dry."

"I'm sorry if it happens to upset people. It's a shame, I'm just selling to the highest bidder."

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

mock Tudor mansion in Wilmslow with fiancée Coleen McLoughlin, 18.

The couple are living there while their £3.5m dream home - already dubbed Rooney Towers - is being built in nearby Prestbury.

Sir Alex, 62, is just down the road in his £750,000 pad, where he has lived with wife Cathy for more than 10 years.

But millionaire farmer Richard Scott, 68, says he does not care if selling the land to the trav-

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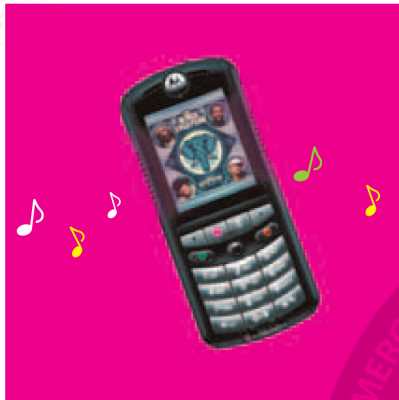
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STAR NEWS

Hats off to Kelly

SEXY Kelly Brook made a hair-raising fashion statement yesterday. The babe had what looked like a dead bird on her head when she hit Newcastle for the UK premiere of her flick *School For Seduction*.

Later Kelly, 25, and 38-year-old movie star boyfriend Billy Zane showed their togetherness by going out in matching purple outfits.

No1 BAND OF GOLD

Fans snap up charity single

BAND AID fever hit Britain yesterday as the charity single went on sale.

Fans snapped up copies, giving the track a flying start in the race for Christmas No.1.

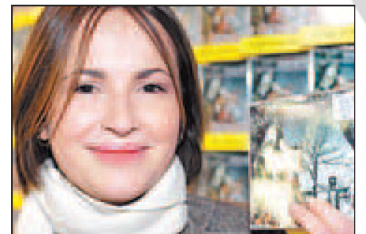
One punter bought 130 copies of the song, featuring big hitters such as Robbie Williams and Chris Martin of Coldplay.

Sales of the 2004 remake of *Do They Know It's Christmas?* are expected to reach half a million by the end of the week - sending it storming to the top of the charts ahead of the No.1 *I'll Stand By You* by Girls Aloud.

And bookies say it is a racing cert to stay there over the festive period.

But they don't expect it to beat the 1984 version's spell of five weeks at the top.

Virgin Megastores spokesman Simon Dornan described sales as "absolutely phenomenal", while HMV's flagship



EARLY BIRD: Kirsty Burgess with disc

by **PAUL MALLEY**

store in London's Oxford Street opened an hour early at 8am so commuters could buy a copy.

First in the queue was student Kirsty Burgess, 21, from Hammersmith, west London.

She said: "I remember my parents playing the

song when I was a kid. Maybe, later down the track, my kids will listen to this one."

The original Band Aid single in 1984 went on to sell 3.5 million copies.

That included a massive 750,000 in the first week - and it raised an amazing £8 million for charities in Africa.

KIDS AGED 3 GETTING SEX COUNSELLING

CHILDREN as young as three are being given sex-change treatment on the NHS.

The tots start off by receiving counselling and behaviour therapy if they are identified as having "gender identity problems".

Once they reach 16 they can be prescribed hormone drugs to prevent normal sexual development - paving the way for sex-swap surgery at 18.

The patients include children who only want playmates of the opposite sex and boys who play with dolls.

Psychiatric experts at the Gender Identity Development Service clinic, run by the Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust in north London, believe therapy treatment gives children time to explore their feelings about sexuality.

But last night the revelations provoked outrage among pressure groups.

Shocked

Norman Wells, of the Family and Youth Concern, said: "Preferring to play with children of the opposite sex hardly justifies counselling."

Hugh McKinney, head of the National Family Campaign, said: "It is ridiculous to treat children for gender identity problems when they haven't even gone through puberty."

"Parents will be appalled and shocked."

"The Government has to stop this nonsense before it damages more children." Youngsters are referred

to the clinic by GPs and psychiatrists.

Consultant psychiatrist at the centre, Dr Domenico Di Ceglie, said a lot of his patients felt "their suffering has not been recognised early enough".

Some have been three-years-old, although the average age is 11.

Until children reach 16, they receive counselling and behaviour therapy.

But at 16 girls can take an oestrogen-suppressant to stop periods and growth of breasts.

Boys can take drugs that affect testosterone and suppress body hair growth and deepening of the voice.

The clinic will not recommend sex swap ops for under-18s. But some supporters want the age limits for surgery and drug treatment to be lowered.

One mother, whose son became a transsexual at 17, said: "It provides the right body for them to live in."

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Stun-gun killer

A STUN-GUN authorised for use by British police has killed dozens of people in America. It is claimed, Amnesty International said 74 have lost their lives after being shot with the Taser gun.

It called for a study of the weapon, which disables suspects with a 50,000-volt shock.

Home Secretary David Blunkett authorised the use of Tasers by officers in England and Wales this year. But Amnesty's UK chief Kate Allen said: "Tasers could kill, so they must be treated as lethal weapons."

BRIDGET HAS GOT 'EM OFF!

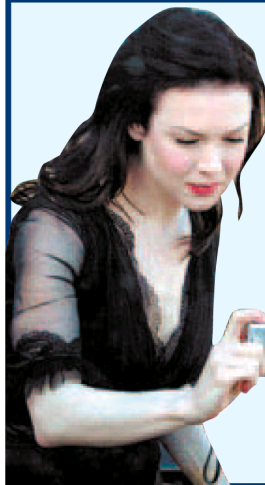
by MARIANNA PARTASIDES

BRIDGET Jones star Renée Zellweger is looking picture perfect as she strolls around Hollywood Hills barefoot.

But she left onlookers scratching their heads. For the 35-year-old actress was stuck in a traffic jam when she suddenly decided to jump out of her car shoeless and snap fellow drivers.

She even proudly took shots of herself. But then Renée has changed a bit since she was last in front of the camera as plump, blonde, dippy Bridget.

She's now a thin, sexy brunette and snappy with it.



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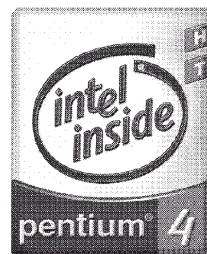
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HAPPY Birthday to The Streets frontman Mike Skinner. The Brummie lad turned 26 on Saturday and gave himself 24 hours off his no-booze regime to get the brandies in.



JOE MOTT'S hot

THE Brit Awards presenting slot is helping **Chris Evans** get over his split from **Billie Piper**. And he has told how selling £1 million-worth of their stuff on a market stall is helping him to move on. I hope the multi-millionaire, who flogged a number of his houses because he found such visible opulence "disgusting", will give that £1m to a good cause. One way would be to spend it all on **Band Aid 20** singles. That would feed the starving, show his stall isn't just a stunt – and get him in the record books.

Thrills and spills

BOYS' BUST-UP WITH MAXI

FAITHLESS frontman **Maxi Jazz** and **The Thrills** squared up after a dance competition turned sour.

Maxi and the Irish band were on the same bill at the Lynx Base 24-7 event in the Arctic Circle when tempers flared over the weekend.

While an official spokesman insisted the

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altercation in Kiruna, Sweden, was not too serious, sources close to **The Thrills** claim punches were exchanged with Maxi, 50.

A source told me: "After the gig all the bands were partying in a log cabin and decided to have a dance competition.

"Everyone was getting involved, but the final was between Maxi and **The Thrills'** guitarist **Daniel Ryan**.

Fight

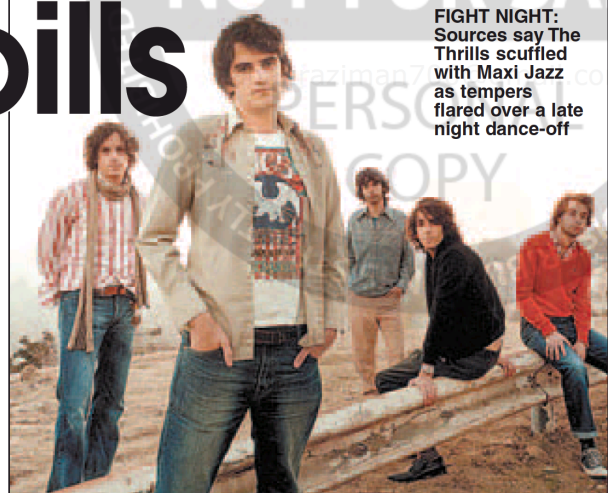
"It was officially declared a draw, but afterwards Maxi was telling people he'd won."

And Daniel, 25, did not like it.

The source said: "Daniel and the rest of the band were sat up at 3am in the bar of the hotel where Maxi was staying.

"Daniel said they were waiting to finish off a fight with him and that they knew his flight was at 7am so he had to come out of his room soon.

"He looked pretty serious and one of their entourage



FIGHT NIGHT: Sources say **The Thrills** scuffled with **Maxi Jazz** as tempers flared over a late night dance-off



DANCING: Maxi Jazz

Hat's no joke, is it Wills?



NIFTY Will Young showed off his new dance routines to a sell-out crowd at Wembley. You lot are always complaining if I crack a joke at Wills' expense so this time I won't. Instead, here's a big picture of him for you. Enjoy it if you couldn't make it to the gig.

Picture: ELLIOTT FRANKS

MARY J Blige can't help but look good – Jesus is her beautician. So says the soul diva, who claims she was always unhappy with her appearance until she found religion. She said: "People have noticed the change in me. They're always saying, 'Wow Mary, what's your beauty regime?' and I reply, 'My beauty regimen is Christ'."

KASTING THE NET FOR KATE

OUTKAST are on a mission to track down the elusive **Kate Bush**.

The hip-hopers want to collaborate with the squawker on one of their two forthcoming albums.

Big Boi said: "We're trying to do a song with **Anita Baker**, **Sade** and maybe **Kate Bush** if we can find her.

"They say she's crazy, so I don't know what's going on."

Andre 3000 and **Big Boi** are also working on the soundtrack to their debut movie – a musical set in the Prohibition era called **My Life In Idlewild**.

Big Boi said: "It's two stories going on the same time. Dre's is more a love story and mine is kind of crazy."

I'm surprised they're not after a collaboration with true nutter **Bjork**.

FRANZ Ferdinand had to play an acoustic set at a gig in Japan after bassist **Bob Hardy** went to hospital with severe gastro-enteritis. The band offered half the entry price back to any unsatisfied fans.

said there'd been a scuffle with Maxi earlier in the evening. "He was saying Maxi had come at him with his fists raised and that Daniel had defended himself."

A spokesman for **The Thrills** said: "It was all in good spirits, and no punches were thrown."

Earlier, **Faithless** girl **Sister Bliss**, 33, had led a conga at the party.

A STOCK, Aitken, Waterman reunion is on the cards. In case you don't recall, **Mike Stock**, **Matt Aitken** and **Pete Waterman** were the 80s music machine behind **Kylie**, **Jason Donovan** and **Rick Astley**. A source said: "All three of them have discussed the possibility of getting back together and it could be as early as next year."

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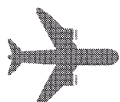
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Cassie has X appeal

by KATIE BEGLEY

SINGER Cassie Compton definitely had the X Factor when she turned up at the BAFTA Children's Awards.

The pretty 17-year-old wowed the crowd in her little black dress at London's Hilton Hotel.

Cassie, Sharon Osbourne's act on the ITV show, was axed by rival judges Louis Walsh and Simon Cowell.

But she's now planning to record an album with Sharon – and aims to be the next Joss Stone.

Meanwhile, fellow X Factor reject Rowetta Satchell, 38, claimed she was voted off because she was the only woman left.

But judge Louis hit back by claiming she'd smuggled booze on to the set of the telly show.

NO PIG WAS HURT IN THE MAKING OF THIS SHOW

TELLY show The Farm has been cleared of cruelty after watchdogs ruled the pig pleased by Rebecca Loos did not feel "degraded".

The Five reality series showed David Beckham's former PA, 26, taking a semen sample from the boar.

It attracted 37 complaints to Ofcom, with some viewers blasting Rebecca's antics as "akin to bestiality". The RSPCA also condemned the scenes, saying they were "morbid and sordid".

The organisation even urged viewers to boycott the show when the scenes were screened in October. But the boar made no complaint. And yesterday Ofcom ruled that the stunt was not degrading or harmful to the animal. It also cleared Five

by OLIVIA MATTHEWS

of breaching taste and decency standards. Ofcom said: "Rebecca Loos was selected by a qualified veterinary surgeon to assist him in a task on a neighbouring farm which involved extracting semen from a boar."

"The programme showed her attending to the boar – under the instruction of the resident farmer and the veterinary surgeon – and collecting the semen."

"The task performed by Rebecca is one that occurs regularly on UK farms."

"It was properly supervised by a qualified veterinary surgeon and was carried out for a genuine purpose, to artificially inseminate the pigs on the celebrity farm."

"We don't believe that the scene was degrading or harmful to the boar."



HANDY: Rebecca Loos

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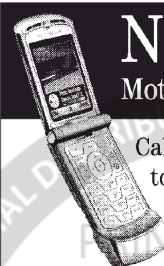
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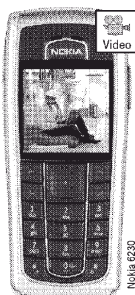
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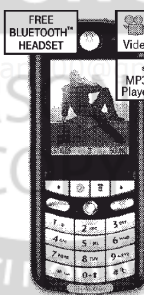
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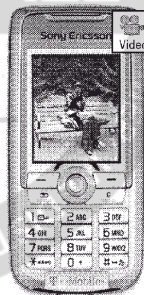
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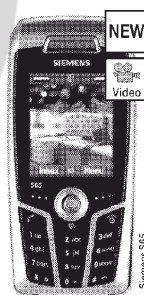
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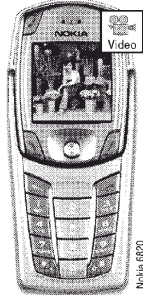
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TORMENT: Sexy Debbie

Stayer Debbie

HOLLYOAKS babe Debbie Dean will stay in the show, despite a wave of family bad luck.

Debbie (Jodi Albert, 21) scraps her dream of becoming a cruise ship singer after mum Frankie hits rock bottom.

First, Debbie's dad Johnno goes off with another woman who is pregnant, then Frankie discovers the rat has exceeded the limit on their credit card.

She takes out a loan for Christmas shopping, but then her presents are nicked.

Andy gets double KO

by LAURA NEIL

RANDY Andy Sugden suffers a double beating over his steamy romps with underage "Lolita" Debbie Dingle.

First, the Emmerdale farmer gets a thumping from the 14-year-old girl's grandad, ex-bare knuckle boxer Zak Dingle.

Then he is battered to within an inch of his life by her yob dad Cain.

Members of the Dingle clan have to wrestle Cain away and lock him in a barn fearing he will murder Andy.

Andy (Kelvin Fletcher, 19) took Debbie to bed after he split from his cheating wife Katie. But the trouble really starts when Debbie (Charley Webb, 15) insists it is time they go public as a couple. She agrees with Andy that they should tell Zak (Steve Halliwell, 50)



PASSION: Andy and "Lolita" Debs



FURY: Her dad Cain

what is going on. She hopes Zak will give her advice on dealing with her dad (Jeff Hordley, 35).

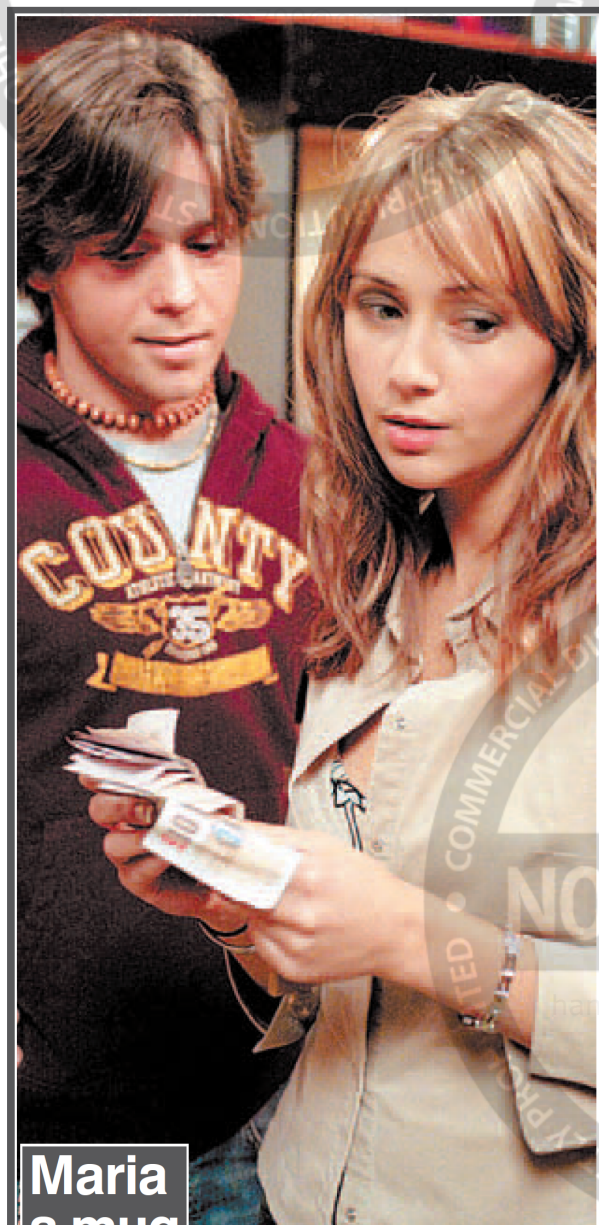
But Zak flies into a rage, races over to Andy's farm and thumps him.

An insider said: "Zak insists on Debbie moving in with the Dingles to keep her away from Andy."

"But then Cain brings Andy over for tea with the Dingles and Andy decides to go public and confesses to his liaisons with Debs."

"Cain erupts into violence and Andy gets the beating of his life."

NEIGHBOURS lesbian Lana Crawford plans to bed a man - to stop people speculating about her sexuality. Lana (Bridget Neval, 19) wants everyone to see her with a bloke - but close pal Sky Mangel (Stephanie McIntosh, 19) talks her out of it.



Maria a mug

LOOKS like Corrie's Maria Sutherland's found herself another bad penny.

Her holiday lover Dave Bellis (Michael Imerson, 24) invites her to dinner on Friday - then claims he's broke.

So the dizzy hairdresser (Samia Ghadie, 22) lends him £200 - from the salon safe.

Mad Karen's kiss-off

CORRIE's harassed husband Steve McDonald will bite the bullet on Christmas Day - and give wife Karen her marching orders.

The taxi boss, played by Simon Gregson, 30, finally reaches the end of his tether with his unhinged missus.

And actress Suranne Jones, 25, who plays Karen, exits the show after a four-year stint. Steve decides enough is enough when he has to stop Tracy Barlow - mother of his daughter Amy - from killing Karen. The

Christmas Eve drama unfolds when Karen, who has miscarried, torches the Barlow family's car after snatching Amy.

Tracy (Kate Ford, 27) wrongly believes Karen has left the child to burn alive and tries to run her over.

She fails but chases Karen up on to the roof of the Underworld factory determined to kill her.

A Street source confirmed last night: "Karen will beg Steve to let her stay but he's stony-faced and will not listen."

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CHAIN OF SUCCESS: Jen in Phantom, and right as she appears in Maxim mag

Phantastic

EXCLUSIVE
by SAM PARKER

THERE'S no doubt the last year has seen Daily Star favourite Jennifer Ellison firing on all cylinders.

And, as 2004 ebbs away, life's about to get even sweeter for the ex-Brookie babe as she takes her first step on the ladder to Hollywood stardom.

Next week sees the highly anticipated release of the big screen version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's hugely successful musical The Phantom of the Opera.

But for 21-year-old Jen, who plays the heroine's best pal Meg, it signifies another leap for her ever increasing star.

"I've only done one film, but I'd love to follow in the footsteps of Catherine Zeta Jones," beams the one-time soap siren.

"I really admire and respect her, and the hard work she's done."

Which means from now on the lovely Liverpool lass, currently attracting rave reviews for her performance as Roxie Hart in the West End smash Chicago, plans to concentrate on her acting career.

"Next year will be the time to focus on what I really want to do. I don't want to be a pop star anymore - I really want to concentrate on acting."

Love

So does that mean Jen will be following in the fab footsteps of other Brit beauties such as Zeta Jones, Kate Beckinsale and Kelly Brook by upping sticks to Tinseltown?

"I would love to, but I'm not about to say 'I've had my break and now I'm off to America'. I love my family and it still means a lot to me. We'll see what offers come in after this movie."

But the signs of success are already promising if Andrew Lloyd Webber and Phantom director Joel Schumacher's opinions are anything to go by.

"Joel said he and Andrew thought I made the part so much bigger than it was supposed to be," says Jen.

"Joel said, 'We're delighted with what you've done. Anyone who knows the stage version will know that Meg has been written into scenes she wasn't in originally because we really liked your performance'."

"I couldn't have asked for a nicer part. It's not the



NO MORE: Jen the pop star

lead, but I'm in the film all the way through - and I've got the last scene."

While fans of ambitious Jen, who at just six-years-old announced to customers in a Liverpool chip shop "I'm Jennifer Ellison and I'm going to be famous", will be pleased to hear they could soon be seeing a lot more of their fave filly if it helps her carve out a movie career.

Claiming a saucy remake of Basic Instinct would be right up her street, Jen purrs: "I'd love to do Basic Instinct 2; Pretty Woman 2 would be good as well. If it was a big movie I'd be up for the nude thing. Or at least the no-knicker thing."

Catty

The Scouse sexpot first found fame seven years ago as Brookside Close's mouthy teenage temptress Emily Shadwick.

Yet, not so long ago, the blonde bombshell claims she used to be on the receiving line of many a catty remark, something she puts down to the bad-girl reputation of her former Brookie alter ego.

But fortunately it's been all change for the curvy cutie since her success in the hit ITV1 show Hell's Kitchen earlier this year.

As well as shining a whole new light on the culinary delights of steak 'n' chips, it saw Jen's popularity surge as viewers got to see the real her.

"I've really noticed a big difference in people's attitude towards me since then," says Jen.

"I was just myself and determined to give it a go, and people liked that. Now they come over and chat and they're dead sweet."

Despite her victory under the watchful eye of hard-to-please cooking maestro Gordon Ramsay, Jen remains unconvinced about her kitchen skills.

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A woman with blonde hair, wearing a black lace dress and fishnet stockings, is sitting in the back of a car. She is looking directly at the camera. A man with dark hair, wearing a black shirt, is sitting behind her, looking towards the camera. The car's interior is visible, including the seats and windows.

A mugshot of a young woman with blonde hair, identified as Emily Shadnick. She is holding a placard that reads: Name EMILY SHADNICK, Date 10/11/00, No. 274388 AT HANSON LANE. The background shows height markings: 3'6", 5'0", and 4'6".

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**Nic it?
No, it's
my car**

by MARIANNA
PARTASIDES

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every bit the big
star next to his
teenage wife Alice
Kim.

Nicolas, 40, was
out shopping on
LA's famous
Melrose Avenue for
religious books
with third wife
Alice, 19, who he
married in July.

And the *Gone In
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showed life some-
times mimics art
when he parked up
in this fast and
flashy red Ferrari.

DAD-OF-5 BUTCHERED BY MANIAC MIGRANT



Pictures: X17AGENCY

by MATT JOHN

AN illegal immigrant stabbed to death a father-of-five in an unprovoked attack nine months after arriving on a false passport, a judge heard yesterday.

Albanian Mark Gjoni, 34, marched up to his victim and rammed a seven-inch kitchen knife into his stomach with such force that the handle broke off.

His target, minicab driver Qamar Raza Mirza, 48, who was said to be deeply religious, died in hospital with the blade still embedded in his stomach.

"The attack was wholly unprovoked and without motive," said prosecutor Richard Rowell at the Old Bailey when Gjoni was sent to Broadmoor.

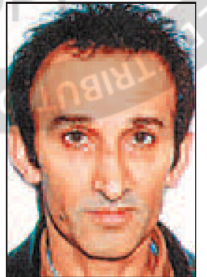
Blood

Gjoni had slipped into Britain from Greece with his partner, Romanian Katrina Gaspar, using fake passports.

After the killing he returned to his home nearby in Cricklewood, north London, and told his partner: "I want to drink your blood."

Terrified she tried to flee and he bit her arm. The police were called.

But Gjoni went out on to the streets and began following a woman. Officers



VICTIM: Qamar Mirza seized him and found he was carrying a knife.

Gjoni was sentenced to be detained without a time limit after admitting manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

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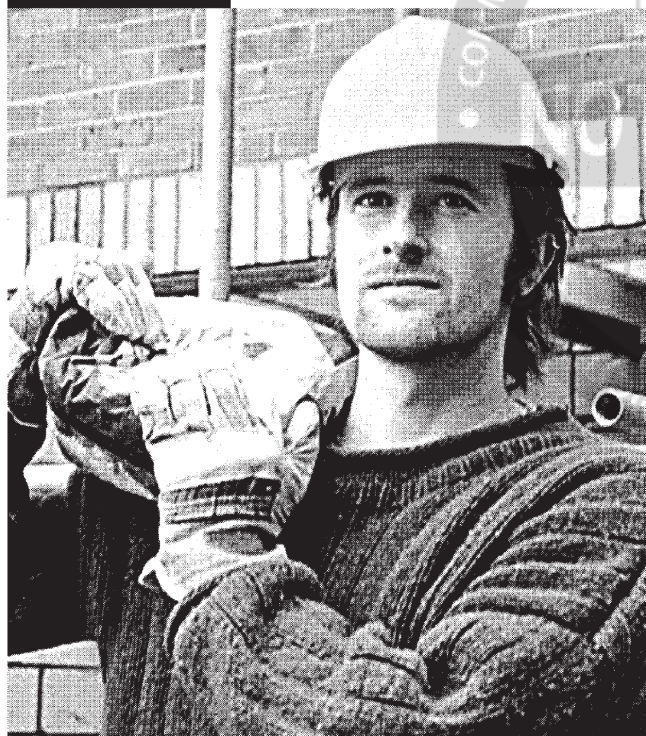
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We've set you a pukka Bushtucker challenge. Just pick up a set of arrows and throw them at our Natalie Appleton dartboard.

To spur you on, we've listed 20 of Nat's most annoying moments, one for each of the numbers on the board - plus, of course, a 25 and a bullseye 50.

Happy throwing!

1 UGH! She reaches for a sickbag on her gentle helicopter ride into the jungle - setting the tone before she's even set foot in the camp.

2 "I JUST touched a tree!" shrieks petrified Nat as she arrives in the Aussie jungle.

3 "I CAN'T handle it... I can't be SuperNat," she whines after just two days in camp. You're right about that, love.

4 "THERE'S a spider in my bed!" she screams - and selfishly wakes up everyone.

5 "MUMMY, I can't do this. Help me, help me!" she yells from the Canopy Calamity high wire. And this woman is 31 years old!

6 SHE complains about the presence of the cameras on day four. Well, what did she expect on a Reality TV show?

7 "EVERY day it's me, me, me," she tells Sophie Anderton. Talk about pot and kettles...

8 "I WANNA know if you guys think that I'm full of myself." Surely not, Nat.

9 "DO you have a heart? Where are your feelings, baby?" she whines on at Sophie. At least Sophie won some stars, baby.

10 "I FEEL like I've made a complete **** of myself out here." She talks some sense at last.

11 "I CAN'T do it," she sobs - before she's even tried the Leap of Faith challenge.

■ by MARK JEFFERIES

12 "I'M gonna be sick." Her excuse for pulling out of the Leap.

13 "THERE'S a spider - oh, my God!" she screams before the Snap eating game begins.

14 "HOW do they eat this?" Nat refuses to go near an egg - while Sophie has the guts to take a bite of a kangaroo's testicle.

15 "GUYS I can't, I feel faint. I'm too dizzy." The superwimp's excuse for ending the Slither River trial.

16 "IT'S using energy and I haven't got any. I want to go home." Yet more excuses.

17 "I PHYSICALLY can't do it." She pleads with viewers not to vote her to do another Bushtucker Trial. They do, of course.

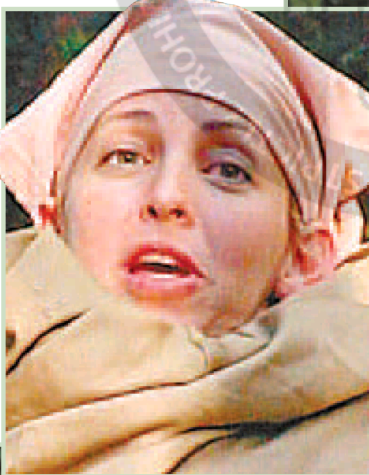
18 "IT'S really dark, you can't see everything down there." Her excuse for not washing up the mess tins properly.

19 "THERE'S still fish in mine," she complains after Fran kindly rewashes the tins for her.

20 "YOU'RE absolutely kidding me. I have nothing left." The On Your Knees trial has her on her knees.

25 "I CAN'T walk across that bridge." The phrase that should be on her gravestone.

50 "I CAN'T believe no one is bored with me yet. Bored? How could we be? You were the most irritating, whining wretch to grace the jungle!"



HEAD START:
She gripes in the camp

